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Hilo Civic Convention And Hawaii County Fair Edition

With its regular edition next Saturday the Star-Bulletin will publish a large illustrated Civic Convention and Hawaii County Fair issue. It will cover in detail the Fifth Civic Convention and County Fair at which the wide-awake and hospitable people of the Big Island are hosts to the territory. The issue will also emphasize particularly the island of Hawaii's tourist attractions. Though the volcano is the central tourist asset not only of the Big Island but of the entire territory, there are literally hundreds of other spots easy to access and which prove of enthralling interest and delight to the visitor.

Material for this issue was gathered by the editor of the Star-Bulletin on a recent trip, and prominent citizens of Hilo and interested Honoluluans have co-operated in making much other material available.

The advertising columns of the special issue will be found to be a splendid directory to Hilo and Big Island business. The visitors to Hilo during the convention and county fair will appreciate the shopping advantages of the Crescent City as set forth in the advertising of leading and representative firms and individuals.

Primarily, this will be an issue of and for the island of Hawaii but it will have not only territory-wide circulation but territory-wide interest and appeal. Especial attention has been devoted to the news articles and pictures to make the edition one attractive not only to residents of the territory and those who will visit the convention but to tourists who have not yet seen the wonders and beauties of this lovely island, or have viewed but a few of its many and varied charms.

THE OBSTRUCTIONISTS.

L. L. McCandless may claim consistency with the Democratic territorial platform in his fight against the Beretania street improvement. But he cannot claim consistency with sound public policy as broadly delineated by the recent supreme court decision in the Manoa case.

The Democratic platform as adopted by the Bourbon territorial central committee says:

"We favor the general principle of assessing the cost of public improvements when practicable against the property benefited." We further believe that the present frontage-tax law is impracticable in its operation in the improved portions of the city and county of Honolulu and should be made applicable only to the opening of new tracts for residential purposes."

With this big loophole "impracticable." Democrats like McCandless may fight to obstruct public improvements and still claim to be carrying out party wishes and pledges.

The supreme court of the territory has upheld the frontage-tax law and laid down the broad ruling that "the statute of this territory . . . is fair on its face and by no means necessitates the making of unfair or unequal assessments."

The principle of the local assessment method of securing public improvements has been upheld in Hawaii as it has been upheld elsewhere. The Democratic party organization, dominated and inspired by McCandless, is, like McCandless, attempting to stand in the way of needed public improvements.

Ordinary rebuke seems to affect neither of them. The only rebuke they can understand is that administered at the polls. And McCandless is again a candidate for public support.

MILITARY TRAINING FOR THE YOUTH OF AMERICA.

"An inadequate defense force is an absurdity. If defense is necessary, it should be made effective; if defense is unnecessary, it is sheer waste to spend money upon inadequacy and inefficiency." The foregoing quotation would fit well into any argument for preparedness in the present discussion anywhere in the United States. But it has not been derived from that source. It is part of the comment upon the failure of recruiting for the "territorials," or the national guard of the United Kingdom, which was made by a New Zealand paper on February 20, 1912, that being more than 15 months before the outbreak of the great war of the ages. The enormous effort required, after the struggle for saving the empire had begun, to muster and train an adequate defensive force, which now also meant offensive as it must always in actual war, is grim evidence of the correctness of vision of all who took the same view as the New Zealand paper at the time mentioned, as well as those who are applying the identical doctrine to the American position today.

As a whole, the article here cited was an argument for universal military training, under mandate and regulation of law, for the males of the nation beginning in youth. It remarked that the United Kingdom, Brazil and China stood "almost alone among the states of the world in relying upon voluntary enlistment for their defense." The United States might justly have been included in the category of such easy-going nations.

Hawaii has won nation-wide fame in the enlistment of a national guard larger, in proportion to its citizen population, than that of any of the states in response to the call for preparedness, but it would do an even greater service to the nation by

setting an example of rationally effective military training of its youth. The next legislature will have an opportunity to consider a subject much more to the front than when the military training bill of 1915 was defeated.

U. S. NEUTRALITY VINDICATED.

Captain Koenig of the German submarine Deutschland upon reaching Bremen gave out an interview praising the efforts of the United States to preserve neutrality.

This should silence some of the professional agitators in America who have tried to convince neutrals and subjects of the Central Powers that every move Uncle Sam made was a move biased in favor of the Allies; that the administration was pro-Ally, and President Wilson anti-German.

It is these agitators, and the plotters whom they encouraged that caused most of the criticism against German-Americans. It is quite true that a great deal of the criticism was entirely unfair, but quite as unfair and even more dangerous to American peace and American unity was the clamor against Uncle Sam's determination to uphold international law in the face of German violation.

Uncle Sam's good faith was shown when the federal officials ruled that the Deutschland was a merchant vessel, entitled to the privileges and the protection of a merchant vessel in a neutral port. With that ruling, Germany was afforded the protection which Uncle Sam had insisted merchant vessels were entitled to—the protection which in the case of the Lusitania, in the case of the Sussex, in numerous other cases, Germany had violated.

While the war-gripped nations were tearing at international law and threatening to destroy it, Uncle Sam was fighting for its principles. Uncle Sam preserved it in a frightful maelstrom of conflict, and the German submarine Deutschland reaped the benefit by sailing into a neutral port and finding haven and security.

Happily there is not a great amount of vandalism in Honolulu but occasionally there is a piece of unusual ruthlessness or stupidity. The Outdoor Circle, which had posts set along Wilder avenue as a guide to planted trees, has found half a dozen or so missing. This sort of theft deserves prompt punishment and is recommended to the attention of the police. If it continues, the Outdoor Circle will have to cease some of its beautification work.

Judge Monsarrat intimates his belief that the tired Chinese businessman is entitled to his neighborly little game of pai-kau or che-fa. By the way, what is the use of maintaining a police force, anyhow? Why not let the tired Filipino gun-toter shoot up a few victims in peace, and the tired Japanese hatchet-wielder carve his initials upon an offending countryman when the spirit and sake move him?

The Japan Advertiser prints the news that Japanese troops have taken charge of the sections of the Peking-Mukden railway line formerly guarded by the French troops. Japanese soldiers are now stationed at the new station at Tientsin and the station at Yangtsu, both of which were formerly guarded by the French, who, it is supposed, have been sent home to do duty on the west front.

Accepting as gospel truth the statements of the both the British admiralty and the German admiralty, there are very few battleships of either nation left afloat and most of those are badly crippled.

Greeks have been caught napping off one base and were forced out at another. About time to warn up a new pitcher, and Souhraw Venizelos is anxious to step into the box.

Hawaii will hear no presidential candidates on the stump but several local orators undoubtedly will point out the necessary ways to save the country.

The frontage-tax law having been upheld, we need no longer have a moral hesitation about coming through with the big assessments.

As a nice, quiet vacation trip far from the mad-dening crowd, we recommend a voyage in the Deutschland.

Another batch of non-combatants has been successfully bombarded by a Zeppelin squadron.

Latest bulletin from the bedside of the army appropriation bill is that it is out of danger.

Before long it ought to be Austria's turn to make the official announcement.

Canned pineapple and canned music are a great pair of drawing-cards for Hawaii.

The McCandless platform appears to consist of hicks, bricks and kicks.

Congress may adjourn next week but many a citizen fears not.

"Safety First" counsels us to close that Danish West Indies deal.

Poet P. M. McMahon Flays "Prudes" Who Objected to His Bathing-Trunks

Waikiki Incident Done Into Rapid Verse Under Inspiration of "Bawling Out" Upon the Beach

P. Maurice McMahon, poet, court stenographer and philosopher, has made good his declaration that he would flay in stinging verse the "prudes" who object to his appearing at Waikiki beach clad only in short bathing-trunks.

The incident when McMahon was "bawled out" on the beach happened Wednesday. On Thursday McMahon told the Star-Bulletin that he would treat the subject fittingly in verse. On Friday afternoon he telephoned that the Muse had made good and the poem was complete. This morning the finished copy was in the editor's hands.

Here it is:

THE PRUDES.

The Prudes are sprinkled everywhere, in every land on earth. With looks so wise, and searching eyes possessing little mirth; Stridolous they pass upon their way, of God the chosen few! Without their aid they're much afraid He can but little do.

The customs of the little spot, where in they chance to bide, They deem the universal law—so high, so vast and wide! And if from home they journey forth, what people say and do They measure by the standards which they are accustomed to.

They belong to many churches, but the one each sect attends Is the only one of all on earth, which meets salvation's ends; For their blessings, on the sabbath, they just "give God all the praise," And the balance of the week feel free to go their selfish ways.

There's naught but vile suggestion in the nudity of art In statue and in painting, but evil they impart; On statues that are in the nude they put a flowing dress, For all that's most immortal 'tis this awful nakedness!

Yet they never seem to think at all—at least so I suppose— That when the great God fashioned us he made us without clothes; But simply take it on themselves to judge of everything, And of all that's right and all that's wrong do the interpreting.

If there's wrong in our anatomies, there can't be any doubt God didn't know in making us just what he was about; And if 'tis true we're moulded in His image, then I pray They tell me, for poor Reason's sake, what's their have to say.

Oh, they're on the hunt for villany on the earth in every place, And would shape the thoughts and manners of the entire human race. Scrape them to the measure of their own warped little minds, Where nothing that is generous or beautiful one finds.

A lady crossing over the street, passing through the mud, Must be careful of her modesty, else she isn't good; She mustn't wear her dresses short, and must not bare her arms, For fear she'll call attention unto any of her charms.

But God help the poor unfortunate who may chance to slip or fall, Her destiny is settled, and she's fixed for good and all, For the Prudes will not forget her and her record of the past, And be sure they'll make it known to all as long as life may last.

And God help the male offender if he only once gets "tight" And they spot him with the "jag" on, with him it is "good night!" Even though his mind is beautiful and filled with common sense, They'd put their tag upon him for that little one offense.

Yes, the Prudes are ever with us, far away and here at home, We are always bumping into them wherever we may roam; And they haunt the bathing places in the summer by the sea, Where Youth in all its gaiety is holding revelry.

"Such wantonness," you hear them say, "in these young and hardened flirts— These women wearing bathing suits without the hanging skirts!" Say: stockings, sleeves, and worst of all their rank immodesty— Their legs are bare of coverings high up above the knee!

The men, of course, are next in line (for it's always "ladies first!") On whom—if they should dare offend—to wait their moral thrust; May the gods hold out a helping hand to them in their distress Should they appear upon the scene in abbreviated dress. And even to the little tots they give their good advice: To be sure and wear their bathing suits, or else it isn't nice; Suggesting to the baby minds the evil in their own, So no wonder in a million years but little man has grown.

Thinking sadness where it doesn't lie is not the wisest thing, And nothing of accident to this grey old world 'twill bring; And the one who points to evil in man's God-like human form Does to the mind of innocence a cruel and lasting harm.

'Twas God Himself who made it in His image most divine, And if we see evil in it 'tis in your mind and mine. But the Master's still the Master, and His work is surely grand, But the trouble is the work of God we do not understand!

P. MAURICE MCMAHON, Honolulu, August, 1916.

Personal Mention

MRS. A. C. M. BASH left for Kauai this week. She intends to spend about six weeks there.

CHARLES F. PETERSON, local attorney, has returned to Honolulu from a business trip to Maui.

JOHN A. DOMINIS, clerk in circuit court, returned to Honolulu today from Maui, where he spent his annual vacation.

MISS HILDA SMITH has returned to her desk in the office of the clerk of circuit court after an absence of several weeks.

REV. HENRY BOND RESTARICK, pastor of Honolulu, was to leave for Maui this afternoon to visit the Episcopal churches on that island.

MISS KATE KELLEY, stenographer in the supreme court, is expected to return to Honolulu tomorrow from Kauai, where she has been spending her annual vacation with friends.

RAULPH P. QUARLES, JR., son of Associate Justice Quarles of the supreme court, has returned to the mainland to resume his studies at the Citadel, a military academy at Charleston, S. C.

M. W. ALLEN of Berkeley, Cal., has arrived in Honolulu to become professor of mathematics at the Honolulu Military Academy, formerly known as the Honolulu School for Boys. He recently was associated with the University of California.

YUKICHI MIKAMI, secretary of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Honolulu, will leave for the mainland shortly to spend three years in an eastern university studying economics and law. He is married and is 42 years old. Mrs. Mikami plans to visit in Japan during her husband's absence.

HARRY W. FRANTZ, who for a year has been connected with the mechanical department of the Star-Bulletin as linotype operator, writes to friends from Baguio, Philippine Islands, that he is having an interesting trip globe-trotting in the Orient. He recently started a 300-mile jaunt through the mountains of northern Luzon. From Manila he is going to China and expects to be in Honolulu in September.

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New York, holders of the surety bond on the Hilo breakwater contract, is leaving this afternoon for Hilo, where he has been living for the last two months, inspecting the progress of the work. He will probably assume active charge of operations during the stay in Hilo Hospital of Contractor Marshall, whose leg was broken in an accident this week. Deming has been visiting in Honolulu for a week, and was notified while here of the injury to Marshall.

Construction work on the new Hongwanji Mission building on upper Fort street has been halted because of the delay of receipt of building material from the mainland.

LETTERS

A CHANCE TO SAVE MONEY

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.

Sir: As the territory has a representative on the Public Utilities Committee, why not the city of Honolulu? Would it not be to the interests of the public that the city be represented on this board rather than against it? When the interests of the city and the board conflict Carden would represent the city. Simply reduce his salary as a deputy county attorney and let him draw pay as a Utilities commissioner. Less time, less money. M.

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